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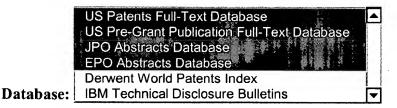
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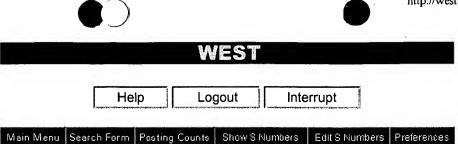
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Built To Last: Here's a simple risk-management tool that can extend the

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Michael Ball

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Managing an account that has entered the distribution phase, such as when a client has entered retirement, is one of the most challenging tasks faced by today's financial advisers. Both retirees and advisers face the difficult question: How much money can be safely withdrawn from the portfolio during retirement without draining the entire principal before the client dies?

Financial experts such as Peter Lynch suggest that 7% is a reasonable number. Nick Murray believes that as long as the withdrawal rate is below the long-term growth rate of the mutual fund, the investor is safe. Financial adviser William Burger has written extensively on the subject and found that a 4% to 5% withdrawl rate is safe in most economic environments. Other studies suggest that 3% is the most appropriate number. With the recent market surge, I have had associates tell me of clients expecting to pull 12% or more from their portfolios. What withdrawal rates are realistic? What can advisers do to ensure that their clients do not face the prospect of having spent their entire principal before they die?

Few studies have attempted to determine appropriate withdrawal rates. Most that address this issue assume that an investor uses a buy-and-hold strategy. This strategy can work well while a person is young and able to ride out market declines, but near retirement a person no longer has the luxury of riding out long declines in the stock market. In addition, a buy-and-hold strategy has the potential to cause serious problems when a person is systematically withdrawing money from a portfolio of stocks.

Systematic withdrawals work like a dollar-cost averaging program in reverse, and market declines are accentuated. This can cause severe principal erosion from which the portfolio may never recover. For example, assume that an investor is withdrawing 7% per year from his or her portfolio. If the portfolio decreased in value by 10% during

the year, the 7% would be coming out of principal, not growth. The account has been depleted by 17% (10% in loss of principal plus 7% in money withdrawn). To make up for that loss, the investor's account will have to increase 20.5% during the next year, plus another 7% for the following year's withdrawal. This requires a 27.5% increase in one year to make up for lost ground. Clearly, a few poor years back to back could devastate this investor's portfolio.

The alternative of investing the majority of the portfolio in fixed-income bonds also has its limitations. For example, assume that an investor with a \$1 million portfolio needs only a 6% rate of return to cover current living expenses. As a conservative investor, he or she decides to shun stocks and put the entire portfolio into 30-year Treasury bonds that yield 7%. The problem with this strategy is that inflation will eat away the purchasing power of the income stream. At an annual inflation rate of just 2.5%, the retiree who was able to live on \$60,000 a year in the early part of retirement will need \$76,800 to maintain the same standard of living after 10 years. If inflation should accelerate to 4%, the retiree would need \$88,800 a year. The retiree would be faced with either reducing his or her standard of living or spending the principal.

These scenarios illustrate the importance of properly managing a distribution-phase portfolio and have become the crux of my studies for several years. As part of this research I have analyzed every bull, bear, 10% advance and 10% decline market since World War II. After reviewing the effects of market fluctuations on a portfolio in the distribution phase, I felt it would be beneficial to look for risk-reduction methods that utilize the growth potential of stocks during market advances, yet reduce the negative impact of market declines.

In my studies I have found that a long-term moving average is one of the tools that can help increase the sustainability and stability of withdrawal rates for a portfolio in distribution. A moving average is an average of the closing prices for a market index over a specific period. If stocks climb above the moving average, the trend of the markets is considered to be positive, and money will be allocated to stocks. If stocks drop below the moving average, it is considered negative. Money is moved out of stocks and into a defensive position such as a money market fund. A moving average is not designed to be a predictive indicator for the stock market. It is a tool used to reduce risk. The mechanics of a moving average allow us to take advantage of rising markets and to limit risk in a declining market.

My study used a 170-day moving average that was slightly shifted below the canonical average to reduce the number of times that an investor would need to move in and out of the market. A number of asset allocations between stocks and corporate bonds were examined. Allocations ranged from 0% stocks to 100% stocks. In addition, I compared the results using both inflation- and non-inflation-adjusted withdrawals. The study

evaluated withdrawals over timeframes of 15, 20, 25 and 30 years. The first part of the study covered the period 1926 through 1996 (Figure 1). The second part paid particular attention to how various asset allocations performed during the very difficult market period of the late '60s through 1980 (Figures 2 and 3). This was a difficult environment in which to make money in either stocks or bonds, because of the combination of low returns in the equity market and rising inflation. Hence, it is an excellent period to use to model how a portfolio would hold up under adverse conditions. Furthermore, because the events of the Great Depression are unlikely to be repeated, it is probably the most relevant worst-case scenario that history offers.

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Based on the findings of the first part of the study (1926-96), I have concluded that:

- \* Contrary to the conventional sentiment that a retired investor's portfolio should be primarily composed of bonds, portfolios heavily invested in bonds are more likely to be depleted regardless of the withdrawal rate.
- \* Using a risk-reduction tool such as a long-term moving average reduces the amount of volatility in the stock portion of the portfolio. This also gives the investor the ability to withdraw a higher amount of income with the same amount of risk as the buy-and-hold strategy. For portfolios comprised of 100% stock, an investor could typically take 1% to 1.5% more income per year with the same amount of risk. An investor with a portfolio of 75% stocks and 25% bonds could take about 1% more income per year. As portfolios near an allocation of 50% or more into bonds, there is typically no benefit from using the risk-management tool and, in some cases, using the risk-management tool proved to be detrimental to portfolio performance.
- \* In periods of rising stock prices, the use of a moving average typically reduces returns, because of false signals that do not lead to significant declines. These periods of underperformance were balanced out by the significant declines that were avoided.

Based on the findings of the second part of the study (1968-82), I have concluded that:

- \* Using a risk-management tool such as a long-term moving average did an excellent job of preserving capital and allowed significantly higher withdrawal rates from the portfolio.
- \* Because of the extremely high rates of inflation during this period, it was difficult to take a large distribution on an inflation-adjusted basis without depleting the entire principal from the portfolio.

Of course there is no way of predicting what the future will hold for the stock and bond markets. However, we can take history as our guide and make reasonable assumptions about what types of withdrawal rates and portfolio allocations will have a high probability of working over an extended period of time.

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